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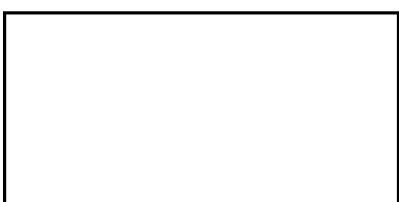
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SAUDI ARABIA - FEDAYEEN: KING FAYSAL HAS SUSPENDED HIS AID TO FATAH, FOLLOWING THE BLACK SEPTEMBER TERRORIST MURDERS IN KHARTOUM, BUT HE APPARENTLY IS NOT CONVINCED THAT TERRORISM IS A MODE OF OPERATIONS WIDELY ADVOCATED WITHIN THE FATAH LEADERSHIP.

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[REDACTED] FAYSAL RECENTLY REITERATED HIS FIRM OPPOSITION TO FEDAYEEN TERRORISM. HE ATTEMPTED TO EXONERATE FATAH, HOWEVER, FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KHARTOUM INCIDENT, ATTRIBUTING THE ACTION TO "COMMUNIST AND ZIONIST" ELEMENTS WITHIN FATAH. FAYSAL

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FAYSAL STILL BELIEVES THAT HE CAN USE FINANCIAL AID AS A LEVER TO PREVENT FATAH FROM BECOMING RADICALIZED. LIKE ALL ARAB LEADERS, HE MAINTAINS THE BELIEF THAT ISRAEL, BECAUSE OF ITS OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY, IS BASICALLY THE CAUSE OF THE FEDAYEEN'S ACTIONS, AND HIS COMMITMENT TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL MAKES HIM RELUCTANT TO ADMIT THAT THE SO-CALLED FEDAYEEN "MODERATES" WHOM HE HAS SUPPORTED ARE INVOLVED IN TERRORISM.

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